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Louisiana Natural & Scenic River System **SCENIC RIVER PERMIT # 884**

Issue/Effective Date: February 5, 2014

Scenic River: Amite River

Recipient: Bishop Endeavors, LLC
611 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Baldwin, LA 70514

Description: Proposed Gravel Mining Operation

This permit is issued by authority of Part II of Chapter 8, Title 56 of the LRS of 1950 as amended and re-enacted regarding the Louisiana Natural & Scenic Rivers System and the administrative procedures pertaining to the management of these watercourses designated as Scenic Rivers.

The permit is issued by the Administrator with the understanding that the recipient in implementation of the proposal will proceed in compliance with, and not significantly deviate from the provisions contained in the petition for the permit and any special conditions attached hereto. The permit holder is expected to minimize adverse impacts to the structural and functional integrity of the natural systems and aesthetics associated with the Scenic River where the activity is occurring so as to preserve the fundamental character and purpose for which the System was established.

The Administrator assumes no responsibility for or incurs no liability for any injury to persons or property caused by any act of the permit holder or his agent in the permission granted by this permit. In addition to the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, the petition was given a full and thorough evaluation by the Louisiana Departments of Agriculture & Forestry; Culture, Recreation & Tourism; Environmental Quality; and the Office of State Planning and Budget. If during the review process objections were made to the proposed activity, those objections were either found to be insignificant or they have been included in the conditions of the permit.

This permit shall expire if the permitted activity has not begun within 18 months of the "Issue Date" indicated above.

Compliance with these conditions is necessary for this permit to be valid:

- 1) This project must be carried out in a manner consistent with the design that the applicant submitted during the permit process, including the modified drawings dated January 2, 2014 and the Soil Segregation and Reclamation Plan provided via email on February 4, 2014. HOWEVER, THERE IS TO BE NO MINING ACTIVITY WITHIN 150 FEET OF THE AMITE RIVER RATHER THAN THE 100 FEET PROPOSED IN THE APPLICATION. Should significant physical modification to the project become necessary during implementation of the project or after its completion, the permit holder will submit a letter of explanation within one week of discovery to the Administrator to determine if another petition will be required.
- 2) If during project activity, any sensitive archaeological, biological or botanical element is encountered, activity will temporarily cease and the permit holder will contact the Administrator to determine the disposition of that element or artifact.
- 3) All other applicable permits not contingent upon this permit from governmental entities will be acquired and their conditions implemented with fidelity. Applicant has title to the property or permission from the landowner to implement the project.
- 4) Adequate erosion control measures shall be implemented to insure that no sediments, pollutants, and/or construction related debris/materials are allowed to enter the Amite River, whether directly or indirectly, as a result of this construction.
- 5) The permittee shall handle and store toxic and hazardous material such as fuels and lubricants outside of riparian areas, forested areas and wetland areas.
- 6) The applicant shall continuously maintain the integrity of all mining activity containment berms throughout the course of mining operations to ensure that these berms do not fail resulting in a breach and the discharge of process water, stormwater or sediments into adjacent wetlands, the Amite River, or its tributaries.
- 7) Prior to the construction of a new mining cell (e.g., clearing, placement of fill, excavation), the applicant shall mark the proposed area with flagging and contact the Department to ensure that the location of the cell precisely follows the revised permit drawings dated January 2, 2014.

Should it be determined at any time that ongoing or future erosion of the river bankline may affect the proposed location of a mining cell, the Department may require that the applicant revise the drawings and re-locate the mining cell an appropriate distance away from the river bankline in order to ensure that an adequate buffer is left in place.

- 8) There is to be no discharge of processed water, directly or indirectly, to the Amite River and its tributaries. Any instance of non-compliance with this requirement will constitute a violation of this permit condition and appropriate corrective and/or enforcement action will be taken by this agency.

- 9) There shall be no clearing of any vegetation between the proposed mining cells and the Amite River. These areas shall remain intact and devoid of construction activities, workspaces, etc.
- 10) The applicant shall adhere to the submitted Soil Segregation and Reclamation Plan. Additionally, the following conditions must be adhered to. These conditions add to and/or modify plans presented in the applicant's Soil Segregation and Reclamation Plan.
 - All restored areas will be returned to pre-project elevations/contours. The applicant shall provide the Department with photographic documentation which demonstrates a side-by-side comparison of restored area elevations and reference (non-excavated) area elevations.
 - Hard mast species planted should comprise 30-60% of the total number of planted seedlings.
 - Native species found within adjacent forests should be used to guide species selection. No less than seven species must be obtained for planting.
 - Seedling survival and growth data collected at year one, year three and year five post-planting shall be provided to the Department to verify that restoration targets are being achieved.
 - An active treatment/eradication program for Chinese tallow-tree shall be carried out at one-year, three-years, and five-years post-planting.
- 11) The permittee shall allow representatives of the Department to make periodic inspections to ensure the activity being performed is in accordance with the conditions of this permit.
- 12) Once it is determined that gravel operations will cease, the applicant shall immediately contact the Department. The Department will conduct a final site investigation to ensure that the site location is in an acceptable condition and that the site will be abandoned in an appropriate manner. It is Department's objective to ensure that no future impacts will occur to the Amite River as a result of gravel mining operations.

If you need any additional information, you may contact Mr. Keith Casio, Scenic Rivers Coordinator in the Monroe Office, at (318) 343-4045.



Robert J. Barham
Administrator